

# **Parwich Parish Council**

## **Minutes**

A Meeting of Parwich Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 17th October 2012 at 7.30 pm in Parwich Memorial Hall.

Present: Chairman, R Bunting, C Healy, J Bennett, N Linnell, S Dale and the Clerk, Mrs S Hampson.

### **12.10.1 Apologies/Councillors' attendance register**

Apologies were received in advance from M Harrison, District Councillor, Sir R Fitzherbert and PCSO Cleveley. Members present completed the attendance register.

### **12.10.2 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest of councillors**

Mr Bunting declared and completed a personal interest in the register regarding a planning application for a family member.

### **12.10.3 Minutes of the previous meeting and items from the minutes.**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true copy of the proceedings of the previous meeting.

**Resolved:** Mrs Linnell to be responsible for displaying items on the noticeboard.

### **12.10.4 Co-option of new councillor**

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) had confirmed to the clerk that there had been no requests for an election. The clerk had not received any response to the casual vacancy notice. The vacancy remains for any interested resident of Parwich to contact the clerk or to approach a member of the parish council.

### **12.10.5 Public speaking**

There were no members of the public present.

### **12.10.6 Update from District Councillor**

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from the District Councillor

### **12.10.7 Update from the PCSO**

Apologies had been received in advance from PCSO Cleveley however, she had provided an electronic update for the meeting regarding two previous enquiries. She will visit a local farmer shortly regarding the potentially hazardous road surface which results from persistent fouling of the road by cattle. In addition she made suggestions regarding speeding through the village.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact PCSO to request a mobile van with flashing lights to visit the village. The request to be for the van to be positioned between the public house and the bus stop between the hours of 3pm and 7pm.

**Resolved:** Clerk to ask PCSO to speak to the school's PTA regarding the course of action.

A 20 mph speed limit through the village may be a way forward regarding speeding issues.

### **12.10.8 Safer neighbourhood**

Mrs Bennett will attend the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting.

### **12.10.9 Millennium pond, flooding and trees**

The clerk had contacted three local contractors regarding removing debris/vegetation from the millennium pond but had not received a response in time for the meeting.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact the three contractors again by telephone.

**Resolved:** Clerk to advise the contractors that there may be further clearance work of the stream in the near future.

The clerk had contacted Mr Braund and Mr McEvoy at DDDC regarding flooding issues in the village. Mrs Bennett had also liaised with Mr Braund.

**Resolved:** A meeting will take place on 9th November with Mr Braund, Mrs Bennett and a resident regarding the issue of flooding in Parwich.

The clerk had been in contact with Mr Goodwin at Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) regarding chestnut trees opposite the football pitch reported as diseased a few years ago. Mr Goodwin had visited the site and confirmed that two chestnut trees near the bench were diseased and should be felled. The lone chestnut tree should remain at this time. The clerk had asked for grant aid towards the costs of felling and replacement of new trees. PDNPA will not pay towards the felling costs but will provide, free of charge, 4 replacement trees (lime), stakes, guards etc. Mr Goodwin estimated the cost to fell the trees to be £300-£350. Members discussed the matter. Mr Dale offered to pay the cost of the felling of the trees by a person with the necessary public liability insurance, chain saw licence and other necessary equipment, in return for the wood.

**Resolved:** The council agreed that Mr Dale could pay the total cost of the tree surgery work in return for the wood. This would result in no cost to the council or 2013 precept and an appropriately trained/qualified person would be employed to fell the trees. The site must be completely cleared of all debris.

**Resolved:** Mr Dale to approach a local tree surgeon with evidence of appropriate public liability insurance, equipment and licences.

**Resolved:** Mr Dale to first approach the gentleman at the property neighbouring the diseased trees to establish if he would be interested in paying half of the cost of the felling in return for half of the wood.

**Resolved:** Clerk to recontact Mr Goodwin at PDNPA to request an additional 4 lime trees free of charge to place at the opposite side of the road.

**Resolved:** Clerk to seek advice from Mr Goodwin regarding the planting time, depth and after care.

#### **12.10.10 Playground equipment and football pitch**

Mr Harrison had advised the clerk in advance of the meeting that the grass creet is still to be ordered. A specialised tool is required to remove the old bearing from the roundabout but this is in hand.

**Resolved:** The roundabout should not be refitted until such time as the ground work is completed (Spring 2013). Some fresh top soil and grass seed will be required which will not grow at this time of year.

**Resolved:** Members of the parish council to meet at the site to establish/confirm necessary groundwork.

**Resolved:** Mrs Linnell to go through the risk assessment connected to the football pitch with the person concerned.

#### **12.10.11 Rental income from parish council land including caravan enquiries**

A report had been received from Bagshaws in relation to the valuation of the tenanted parish council land. The members discussed the duty of the council to attempt to obtain the market rental value per acre from the tenants, as suggested by Bagshaws, as this would contribute to lower precept values in the future.

**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Bagshaws to establish their professional fees involved in the preparation of revised rental agreements to secure an increased rental income from 2014.

#### **12.10.12 Broadband initiative**

Mr Harrison had advised the clerk, in advance of the meeting, that the last Broadband Initiative meeting had been cancelled. Items regarding this item feature on the Blog and will continue to be updated. The next meeting is in November.

### 12.10.13 Bank Mandate

The clerk had made contact with the council's bank in regard to not receiving statements. A postal stop has now been removed.

**Resolved:** Final members of the council to present themselves to the bank to complete the changes to the bank mandate.

### 12.10.14 Items of account, general administration, the clerk and contractors

There were no invoices from the contractor responsible for mowing at Parsons Croft.

**Resolved:** One more cut of Parsons Croft should be made.

**Resolved:** Tender process for the mowing contract for Parsons Croft to begin again shortly.

An enquiry had been received regarding the use of the pavilion by the PTA for a function.

**Resolved:** PTA are welcome to use the facilities including the toilets. Mrs Linnell to advise accordingly.

**Resolved:** Water supply to be turned off and pipes drained following this event; toilets to be locked until next Spring.

Items of account -

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| Cq 1076 | S Hampson             | Monthly clerk's salary    | £150.15 |
| Cq 1077 | S Hampson             | Reimbursement of expenses | £13.10  |
| Cq 1078 | Parwich Memorial Hall | Two months' hire          | £20.00  |

Income received:

£778.50 rent from parish council land

£4.60 wayleave payment from Western Power\*

\*The clerk had previously written to Western Power to amend the correspondence details but this had not been actioned. Second request made to amend the correspondence. Thanks to Mr Barnett for forwarding the wayleave cheque.

British Gas to now collect premiums quarterly for one of electricity supplies at the pavilion.

### 12.10.15 Highways, Pump Hill to Kiln Lane and Monsdale Road to highway Lane

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had reported to the clerk that Pump Hill had not been found on their maps. Members reported that DCC could recheck their maps with reference to 'The Square'.

**Resolved:** Ms Healy kindly offered to meet Mr White from DCC regarding this matter if necessary.

It was reported that areas of Pump Hill have excessive ivy growth which needs cutting back.

**Resolved:** Clerk to make a request to DCC that the ivy is cut back and the debris cleared away.

An additional highway issue reported was that of The Mount. DCC have previously sprayed along this area to prevent overgrowth of weeds etc but this has not taken place for some time.

**Resolved:** Clerk to request DCC to spray this area to reduce overgrowth.

Further comments have been received regarding areas of wall at Parwich Hall which are perceived to be unsafe and some stretches which have fallen.

**Resolved:** Clerk to contact the property owner regarding the wall.

**12.10.16 MMA and Walling**

The clerk had registered for a sum of £430 with DCC's Minor Maintenance Scheme (MMA) in case this scheme could be utilised for the maintenance of footpaths in Parwich. Mr Harrison had reported to the clerk that a stretch of fallen wall on Kiln Lane adjacent to Creamery Lane, referred to in the previous minutes, would be receiving attention shortly.

**12.10.17 STWA water meter**

The clerk had written to Severn Trent requesting a free inspection of a minor leak at one of the water meters but a reply had not been received in time for the meeting.

**Resolved:** No further action to be taken until the response from STWA is received.

**12.10.18 Planning applications and planning sub-committee**

An application for the installation of a new agricultural building (housing a milking parlour and dairy) and two galvanised feed bins at Low Moor Farm had been received. One member of the council had declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the decision process. This was a retrospective proposal as the building has been in place for approximately two years.

**Resolved:** The remaining members present supported this application; clerk to advise PDNPA accordingly.

**12.10.19 Correspondence and communication**

Correspondence included: PDNPA Local Development Plans and Development Management Policies; Police Commissioner elections (Mrs Linnell to display on the noticeboard).

**12.10.20 Forthcoming council meeting dates**

These were reviewed and will be discussed again at future meetings.

**12.10.21 Items for the next agenda**

Parking on grass; consideration of items for precept; flooding, millennium pond and trees; bank mandate; co-option of new councillor; Parson's Croft mowing tender.

**Resolved:** Mrs Linnell to place agendas on the noticeboard.

**12.10 22 Date of next meeting**

21st November 2012

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm

Mrs S Hampson  
Clerk  
19th October 2012